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**REMARKS**

The last Office Action, which has been made final, and the references cited by the Examiner have been carefully considered. The claims have been amended in a sincere effort to define more clearly and more specifically features of Applicants' invention which distinguish over the art of record and to place this application in proper form for allowance or appeal.

The courtesy of Examiner Dinh in conferring with the undersigned attorney during a telephonic interview on February 25, 2008, is gratefully appreciated. In Examiner Dinh's e-mail of February 26, 2008 to the undersigned attorney, following the telephonic interview, Examiner Dinh found Claim 15 to be allowable. Allowance of Claim 15 is gratefully appreciated.

Accordingly, in order to place this application in proper form for allowance, Claims 1, 3, 7-13 and 16 have been cancelled, and Claims 2, 4-6 and 14 have been amended so that they depend from allowed Claim 15, which is in independent form. Also, Claims 2, 4 and 6 have been amended so that the language recited therein conforms to that recited in allowed independent Claim 15.

Accordingly, it is respectfully urged that Claims 2, 4-6, 14 and 15 are in proper form for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, entry of the amendments to Claims 2, 4-6 and 14, reconsideration of amended Claims 2, 4-6 and 14 and allowance of the application with Claims 2, 4-6, 14 and 15 are respectfully solicited. It is respectfully urged that no further search on the merits is required by the amendments made herein, and that no new matter has been added to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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